



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0655; FRL-9508-01-OMS]

### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Metallic Mineral Processing Plants (Renewal)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NSPS for Metallic Mineral Processing Plants (EPA ICR Number 0982.13, OMB Control Number 2060-0016), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2022. Public comments were previously requested, via the *Federal Register*, on February 8, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may neither conduct nor sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0655, online using [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Muntasir Ali, Sector Policies and Program Division (D243-05), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-0833; email address: [ali.muntasir@epa.gov](mailto:ali.muntasir@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, or in person, at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

*Abstract:* The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Metallic Mineral Processing Plants (40 CFR part 60, subpart LL) apply to the following facilities at metallic mineral processing plants: Each crusher and screen at open-pit mines and each crusher, screen, bucket elevator, conveyor belt transfer point, thermal dryer, product packaging station, storage bin, enclosed storage area, and truck loading and unloading station at mills or concentrators commencing construction, modification or reconstruction after the date of proposal. The NSPS does not apply to facilities located in underground mines or uranium ore beneficiation processing plants. In general, all NSPS standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance

with 40 CFR part 60, subpart LL.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Metallic mineral processing plants.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR part 60, subpart LL).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 29 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Initially, occasionally, and semiannually.

*Total estimated burden:* 3,350 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$416,000 (per year), which includes \$18,900 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is an adjustment increase in the total estimated burden as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. This increase is not due to any program changes. This increase is not due to any program changes. The adjustment increase in burden from the most recently-approved ICR is primarily due to a more accurate estimate of existing sources, which is based more recent information from EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online database. Additionally, EPA increased the person-hours per occurrence for familiarization with rule requirements; records of startup, shutdown, and malfunction; and time to train personnel based on comments received from industry consultations. The increase in operation and maintenance (O&M) costs as calculated in section 6(b)(iii), compared with the costs in the previous ICR, is due the increase in the estimate of existing sources.

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